

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 14, 2011

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 14th day of July, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:	Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson
ABSENT:	Members Don Allen and Malaka Elyzagi
COMMITTEE LIAISONS:	Dana Cramer, IAFF (present) Joel Formby, FOP (absent) Brandon Brooks, OU (absent)
STAFF PRESENT:	James Fullingim, Fire Chief Keith Humphrey, Police Chief Lieutenant David Tuescher, Police Department Major Kent Ritche, Police Department Major J.D. Younger, Police Department Anthony Francisco, Finance Department Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department Jeff Bryant, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE JULY 14, 2011, MEETING.

Member Meazell moved that the agenda of the July 14, 2011, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Henderson;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee July 14, 2011, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the July 14, 2011, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson
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NAYES:	None
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Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the agenda of the July 14, 2011, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2011.

Member Schnell moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of June 9, 2011, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Holyfield;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee June 9, 2011, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of June 9, 2011, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of June 9, 2011, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department, discussed the June financial reports.

Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim updated the Committee on activities regarding Fire Station No. 9. He reported that they would be bringing an architectural contract to City Council in the near future. Items to be considered regarding Fire Station No. 9 are LEED certification and space for the Police Department.

Police Department Report

Lt. Teuscher reported that COP activity in June were 46 hour of partnership, 52 hours of problem solving and 195 hours of education. The next academy will begin on October 31, 2011. Five of the positions in the next academy will be PSST.

The first Citizen's Police Academy will begin August 31, 2011 with 20 participants. This will be a 12 week program.

Item 5, being:

INTRODUCTION OF POLICE CHIEF KEITH HUMPHREY.

Police Chief Keith Humphrey discussed his vision with the committee.

Item 6, being:

COMMUNICATION TO THREE MAJORS IN THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A letter will be sent to the three majors that participated in the Police Chief search process thanking them for their participation and expressing appreciation for them.

Item 7, being:

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX EXPENDITURES.

Chair Wilson began the discussion by stating that it was his opinion that the City of Norman is doing exactly what they said they would do with reference to the Public Safety sales tax expenditures and that was confirmed in the Committee's two annual reports.

Member Meazell stated that it is the committee's role to take a close look at these items and she agrees with the City Attorney.

Member Duff said that it was this committee's job to keep the Mayor and Council apprised of any issues associated with the public safety sales tax. This committee has discussed this issue for 5 months and has not made a decision. He feels that this issue should be sent to City Council as the decision making process. He would like to see the committee consider a motion to refer this issue to City Council.

Member Meazell said that she did not agree with sending it to council. That would give the impression that the committee had an issue with how the funds were being spent and she did not feel that the majority of the committee thought this. She felt that the committee had two choices. They could table the issue or they could reaffirm support of the Oversight Committee's Annual Reports that state that the funds are being expended appropriately.

Member Holyfield did not agree with Member Meazell and began a lengthy discussion of sales tax expenditures. He submitted the following items for consideration: 1) A history and chronology of Public Safety Sales Tax; 2) an information brochure prepared by the City of Norman regarding the May 13th Election; 3) financial information and 4) a copy of the official municipal absentee ballot.

Finance Director Francisco submitted information that reflected that the CFR organization recommended that PSST funds be spent on other positions than incoming officers.

Member Meazell moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee reaffirm the information in the 2009 and 2010 Annual Reports, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen; and the question being upon reaffirming the information in the 2009 and 2010 Annual Reports, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee 2009 and 2010 Annual Reports were reaffirmed.

Item 8, being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

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Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held August 11, 2011
No items were identified

Item 9, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

No Discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.